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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the license of licensed practical nurse **Cynthia Perry-Rizzo** (LP00056208) on probation for one year. She failed to comply with wastage policy and procedures at her place of employment by indicating she had destroyed controlled substances without obtaining the signature of any witness. She must comply with terms and conditions.

Cowlitz County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Tabatha L. Owens** (RC00059879) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions.

Douglas County

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Alida V. Farias** (NA60016471). She was convicted of theft.

King County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Diane Hamilton** (RN00037670) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Theresa Y. Hawkins** (HC00156691) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Programs entered into an agreed order with **Atwood N. Robertson** (RC00048741, CP00005867). During a urinalysis he tested positive for cocaine. He must comply with terms and conditions against his registration and license.

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Andrea A. Stewart** (HC00141308) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Islamuddin Wardak** (CH00034030) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly billed patients for treatments that were not documented in the patient's records.

Mason County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Shana M. Hill** (LP00050545) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly didn't administer a patient's medication and gave the dosage to another patient.

In December 2008 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System denied the application of emergency medical technician **Karrie A. Todd-Ayala** (ES01178224). She has restrictions against her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

Okanogan County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Delia Mae Severin** (LP00038246) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly administered two different blood pressure medications together when the orders were to start the second medication after the first had run out.

Pierce County

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Ronald M. Roberts** (NA00121444) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly committed sexual misconduct at his place of employment and failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the allegations.

Skagit County

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Jeannette Marie Anderson** (RC60056579) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She entered

into a deferred prosecution agreement regarding felony harassment and reckless driving charges. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with registered nurse **Annette M. Knoll** (RN00094378). She failed to comply with the previous terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Rhonda Peseau** (CH00002385) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly billed patients for services under her name when she didn't perform the services. She also billed for treatments that weren't recorded on the patients' charts.

In January 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Scott Peseau** (CH00002428) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly allowed another provider to bill for chiropractic services he provided, billed for services provided by another chiropractor, billed for treatments that weren't documented, and offered to reduce a patient's insurance co-payments based on the frequency the patient chose to receive treatment.

Spokane County

In January 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Linda J. Cordodor** (LP00041310) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly slapped a five-year-old patient on his head.

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Christina A. Heller** (RC60025753) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of two counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration. She is also known as Christina A. Boggs.

Yakima County

In January 2009 the Chiropractic Commission placed the license of chiropractor **William D. Harrington** (CH00003133) on probation for four years. He failed to perform or document periodic reassessment of patients and failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license. He must comply with new terms and conditions against his license.

Whatcom County

In January 2009 the Licensed Mental Health Worker Program charged **Eric R. Johnson** (LH00003649) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a romantic relationship with a patient.

In January 2009 the Registered Counselor and Licensed Mental Health Worker Programs granted the order on completion of conditions for **Christine Steckel** (RC00030568, LH00006772).

Out of State

Arizona: In January 2009 the Naturopathy Program charged **Dennis G. Sklar** (NT00000446) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with a prior order against his license.

Idaho: In January 2009 the Nursing Commission placed the licenses of registered nurse and licensed practical nurse **Amarina M. Grisham** (RN00166294, LP00056597) on probation for three years. She was found guilty of driving under the influence and at one point was also evaluated as unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Oregon: In January 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Gareth A. Tabor** (MD00033765) from the agreed order against his license. Dr. Tabor's license to practice is unrestricted.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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